

Bulletin

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**OFFICERS OF THE MONTH- DECEMBER 2015- DETECTIVE MARIAN CRUZ AND
DETECTIVE KEMUEL GAMBIRAZIO**

On Tuesday, November 24, 2015, Detective Marian Cruz interviewed the victim who discovered her vehicle had been stolen overnight. Shortly after that, Detective Cruz was made aware of a vehicle burglary that also occurred on the same street, just one block away from the auto theft. Detective Cruz utilized the Crime Scene Investigations Unit for the vehicle that was burglarized, interviewed the second victim and conducted a neighborhood canvass.

On Wednesday, November 25, 2015, Detective Cruz responded to Banos Towing in the City of Miami where the stolen vehicle had been towed after it was recovered by the City of Miami Police Department. The Crime Scene Investigations Unit responded as well and processed the vehicle. Detective Cruz conducted canvass check where the stolen vehicle had been located and spoke with the neighbors in the area who had reported it as a suspicious vehicle.

Detective Cruz contacted the Miami Police Officer who recovered the unreported stolen vehicle at that time. Detective Cruz discovered that at the time of the recovery, the Miami Police Officer had also interviewed the occupant of the vehicle. On December 2, 2015, Detectives Cruz and Kemuel Gambirazio immediately responded to the residence of the occupant who was in the stolen vehicle. The occupant was interviewed and confessed to her involvement with regards to the stolen vehicle and the burglary to the second vehicle. The subject also gave detectives the information on a second subject who was the driver when they stole the car in Surfside.

Detectives Cruz and Gambirazio responded back to SPD and continued their investigation. They confirmed the identity of the second subject who was in custody in the Dade County Jail on unrelated charges. Detectives responded to Dade County Jail to interview the second subject. During the interview, the subject confessed to stealing the car and burglarizing the second vehicle. He also admitted to stealing property from this car and fleeing from the Miami Beach Police in the stolen car that same evening.

Detectives Cruz and Gambirazio arrested the subject for vehicle burglary and auto theft. Detectives responded back to the first subject's home and arrested her for vehicle burglary and auto theft. During the interviews of the subjects, both individuals implicated each other for the crimes and gave detailed information about how they arrived in Surfside that evening and how they committed the crimes.

The following morning on Thursday, December 3, 2015, Detective Cruz met with Miami Beach Police Officers to share information on the investigation and arrests. The Miami Beach Police Department has charged both subjects with additional crimes.

Detectives Cruz and Gambirazio conducted an outstanding investigation identifying, interviewing and ultimately arresting two subjects. I commend both detectives for their tireless dedication, professionalism and skill in apprehending the two criminals within a short period of time.

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH- DECEMBER 2015- EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF-DINA GOLDSTEIN

Over the past month, Dina Goldstein managed the 7th annual Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive as she has the previous six years. This event requires much time and effort and commitment. The collection begins with advertisements for donations of new toys. The needy children are vetted and individually were invited to attend the Toy Giveaway Party on December 18, 2015. Hundreds of toys were donated, purchased and stored.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department was scheduled to participate. Town personnel were recruited to assist with the event for the set-up, decoration, and cleanup of the Commission Chambers and the training room. Other Town personnel played the parts of Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves. Police Officers were needed for an escort, a street closure and traffic direction. Parking Enforcement Officers were necessary for room security. A professional photographer volunteered her services to make the event even more exciting. Numerous thank you letters were created and sent out. A pre-event meeting was held to give out assignments, duties and responsibilities. All of the above was handled by Dina.

The event was spectacular and went off without a problem. It was a very special day for the children and all of those who attended. I thank and praise all who helped but Dina certainly deserves the most credit and recognition. This has become another of her events that makes Surfside look great. I can't thank her enough for another amazing job well done!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – DECEMBER 2015

- Officer Carrasquillo
- Officer Colonna
- Officer Gabriel
- Officer Lorente
- Officer Luke
- Officer Ruiz
- Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta
- Parking Enforcement Officer Castro

POLICE DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) was established by charter on December 13, 1994 and incorporated on February 9, 1995. It is an independent, tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation designated as the accrediting body for Florida law enforcement agencies, corrections agencies, pretrial, and Inspectors General Offices. The Commission's purpose is to establish a program for accreditation that can be achieved by all Florida law enforcement agencies.

The Accreditation Assessment Team of the CFA is an independent reviewing authority that determines if a law enforcement agency has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. To be accredited the agency must be in compliance with hundreds of standards established by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. These standards address all facets of the agency including administration, internal affairs operations, investigations, patrol, personnel, training, traffic, response to resistance, support services functions and more. Many of the over 260 current standards are critical to life, health and safety issues. The Certificate of Accreditation is awarded for a three year period.

The Surfside Police Department applied to participate in the CFA Accreditation process in 2009. The department passed the rigorous process and received initial accreditation status. Every three years CFA Accredited law enforcement agencies must again go through the accreditation process, called re-accreditation, to ensure that they are maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. The Surfside Police Department went through the re-accreditation process in 2012 and successfully passed.

Beginning January 20, 2016 the Surfside Police Department will begin its second re-accreditation process with The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. A team of assessors from the CFA will arrive at the Surfside Police Department to conduct the on-site inspection, interviews, and necessary file reviews as part of the department's re-accreditation process.

The Surfside Police Department has proudly attained and maintains accredited status demonstrating to the community that the agency is committed to the highest standards of professional law enforcement service.

WATCH ORDER INSTRUCTIONS IF IT IS CHANGED OR CANCELLED

If a watch order is cancelled or changed (ie. A homeowner calls and advises that they have arrived home early and want to cancel a watch order) the person receiving the cancellation or change will immediately send out an email to the Police Department group and the Police Dispatch group in Outlook advising of the cancellation or change.

The dispatcher or officer will also change the information in the USA software system. In the event that a watch order is cancelled you must change the end date for the watch order to the date preceding the date that the watch order is cancelled (ie. If the watch order is cancelled on 01-03-2016 the person entering the cancellation must enter the end date for the watch order as 01-02-2016 in the system).

AUTO CRIMES

During the holiday season, crime increases. Criminals are opportunists who look for easy targets. From November 23 to December 13, 2015, we have experienced six auto related crimes in Town. All have occurred during the evening hours on two separate days. Three were auto thefts in the residential neighborhoods and the car doors were left unlocked with the keys inside. Two were auto burglaries and the cars doors were left unlocked. The last was an attempted theft of a moped. SPD has made two arrests for two of the crimes and recovered the stolen vehicle in Miami. On December 15th, a second stolen vehicle was recovered in Miami Gardens. Two Miami Gardens juveniles were identified through latent prints found inside the car. We are attempting to locate and interview them at this time. Officers should remind residents and visitors to lock their cars and secure their property to prevent crime.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The supervisory staff meeting is January 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The on-site assessment for re-accreditation of the Police Department is scheduled for January 20th, 21st and 22nd. Three assessors from other law enforcement agencies will evaluate our policies and procedures for the re-accreditation process.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is January 20th at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Alberto will assign a detective to attend.

The Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is January 21st at 11:00 a.m. at the North Miami Beach Police Department. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is January 27th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is January 29th at 10:00 a.m. Residents, business persons, and visitors can meet with the Chief and his staff over coffee to discuss community issues or provide feedback on the Police Department.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN DECEMBER

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres

Traffic Control Officer for Civilians- CSA Sanchez, PEO Acosta, PEO Castro, PEO Perez

Human Diversity Training- Officer Campbell and NRO Hernandez

Patrol Rifle- Officer Lovellette

Advanced Patrol Rifle- Officer Lorente

TRAINING IN JANUARY

SWAT Training- Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training- Sgt. Torres

First Responder Training- All Sworn Personnel and Parking Enforcement Officers

Defensive Driving Training- Chief Allen, Sgt. Pacheco, Officers Smith, Lorente, Ruiz, Carrasquillo, Luke, Arch, Colonna, McGavern, Hernandez and Parking Enforcement Officers Perez, Castro and Melendez